GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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BACKWARD CLASSES LIVING BELOW POVERTY LINE
V. SAROJA

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have authentic data of persons belonging to the Other Backward Classes living below poverty line;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any efforts have been taken so far to collect the data;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) No authentic data of persons belonging to Other Backward Classes(OBCs) living below the poverty line is available with the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (f) The matter regarding collection of population data on OBCs was takenup with the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) and the Ministry of Home Affairs. They have expressed their inability to undertake the survey.